GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CONCEALMENT OF INFORMATION ON PACKAGES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many manufacturers are reportedly concealing essential information to be provided on packages of their products;

(b) if so,the details of the violation registered thereof in the last two years and the remedial action taken in this regard including the proposed changes in relevant legislations, if any;

(c) whether a campaign has also been launched for creating awareness among consumers regarding information to be provided on the packages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and trie success achieved in this regard, so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): As per information received from States/UTs.46566 and 46224 cases have been registered in 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively for violation of Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 including concealing of essential information on the package.

(b): The details of cases booked State wise and year wise for the last two years is annexed. Enhancement of penalty to make the laws more stringent in this regard requires amendment of the Act for which approval of Parliament is necessary.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir.In the last two years 30 advertisements were published on all India basis through print media and 1051 video spots were telecast through television channels to create awareness among consumer regarding information to be provided on the packages.